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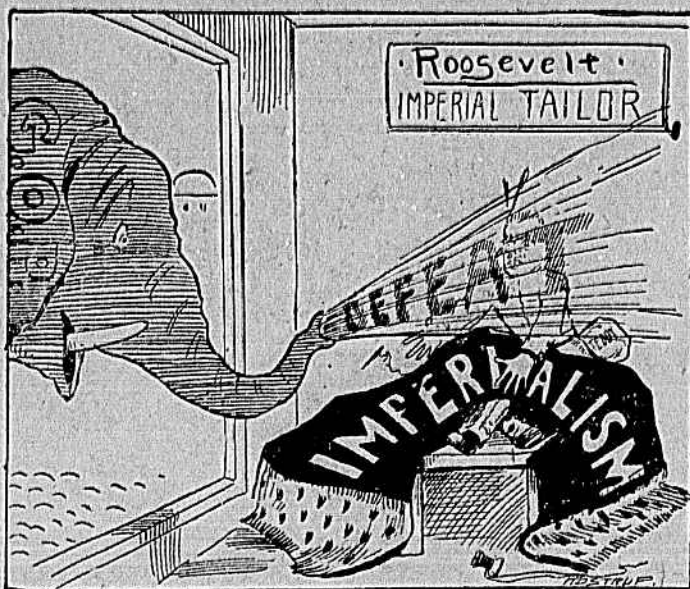
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FABLES AND POLITICS.
(Continued from Yesterday.)

May be it was because an elephant's trunk looks like a snake that the elephant resented this action. Anyhow, the worm turned and the bulldozing tailor found himself put to flight by the hitherto docile elephant. Moral: Even a G. O. P. elephant won't stand for some things.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Virginia and North Carolina—Fair Saturday and Sunday; light south winds.

RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	75
11 A. M.	78
1 P. M.	82
3 P. M.	87
5 P. M.	83
7 P. M.	80
9 P. M.	78
11 P. M.	75
Average	82.5-6

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises... 5:07 HIGH TIDE... July 18, 1904.
Sun sets... 7:25 Morning... 6:58
Moon sets... 11:09 Evening... 1:25

Richmond.

Two states of the new Street Committee to be appointed by the next president of the Council have been made out by wise local politicians; present committee practically ignored and members of the old committee...
Acting Conductor Armes shot by a negro in Danville and died from his wounds...
North Carolina.

SLEW WIFE AND CHILD

Buffalo Merchant Then Blew His Own Brains Out.

LEFT A PITIFUL LETTER

Said He Was a Blight Upon Those He Loved—Family, a Prominent One.

(By Associated Press.)

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 15.—One of the most shocking tragedies that ever occurred in this city came to light to-day, when the dead bodies of Edgar T. Washburn, a member of the grain firm of Heathfield and Washburn, on the Board of Trade; Washburn's wife and his young daughter, Gladys, fifteen years old, were found in a bed room of their home at No. 83 Putnam Street, this city. Mr. Washburn had shot and killed his wife and daughter, and then turned the weapon upon his head and killed himself.

Was Temporarily Insane.

It is believed the deed was committed while Mr. Washburn was suffering from a temporary fit of insanity. He had written a letter recently, saying that he was having troubles in business. As far as is known, the members of the family had not had any trouble among themselves. Last evening was spent by the Washburn family at the house of a neighbor. There were music and games, and all the members of the Washburn family appeared in a jovial mood. The tragedy was discovered by a relative, who called at the Washburn home shortly after noon to-day. When the police arrived they found Mrs. Washburn and her daughter lying dead, side by side, in bed, and Washburn was dead on the floor at the foot of the bed. Evidently Washburn shot the girl first as she lay in bed. When Mrs. Washburn, aroused by the shot, partly raised herself in the bed, Washburn fired the second shot, the bullet entering the woman's left temple, and causing instant death. Washburn then picked up a mirror, and taking aim shot himself in the right temple.

Pitiful Letter.

A letter from Washburn to his partner, W. G. Heathfield, was most pitiful. It said in part: "My dear Brother Billy—I am about to take a step which will make a severe blow to you and to all whom have ever held... (Continued on Second Page.)

CONDUCTOR SHOT FROM THE DARK

Jas. L. Armes Murdered Near Danville.

MAN UNDER ARREST HELD ON SUSPICION

Trainman Was Inspecting Cars Before Dawn When Shot From Ambush.

HIS COMPANION THEN RETURNED FIRE HOTLY

The Twice Wounded Man Was Taken to Hospital, Where He Died in Afternoon—Young Negro Man Arrested Under Grave Suspicion.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., July 15.—Mr. James L. Armes, an employee of the Southern Railway, was shot by an unknown negro at an early hour this morning, from the effects of which wound he has since died. Mr. Armes, who is a flagman and brakeman on the train that leaves the city at 3:30, was coming down the track with a lantern in his hand when the shooting occurred. The negro was skulking among the cars and fired the fatal shot from ambush. Mr. R. B. Talbott, night watchman, was with Mr. Armes at the time. He fired at the negro several times. A number of railroad men assembled as soon as the news of the wounding of Mr. Armes was received and helped in the search. If the negro had been caught, it is possible that summary action might have resulted. Roy Shields, a young darkey, was placed under arrest this morning on suspicion. The negro was slightly wounded in the leg. The boy denies all knowledge of the crime.

Stories of the shooting of Acting Conductor Armes also reached this city yesterday afternoon through the medium of passengers on the train, and further information was received through the officials of the Southern Railway.

According to these stories, Mr. Armes was acting as conductor of the local freight, which leaves the yards on the north side of the river, east of the Dan River bridge. Before dawn he was engaged in examining the cars of the train to see that the seals were all right and that everything was ready to pull out, when he was fired upon by a man near the train. Armes was accompanied by Night Watchman Talbott at the time. Two of the shots fired by his assailant took effect, one in the body and the other in the leg. The wounded man was taken to the Retreat for the Sick in Danville, where he died in the afternoon.

Immediately upon the shooting of Mr. Armes, Mr. Talbott fired in the direction of the shots at the figure of a man running. The shot fired at the murderous assailant is said to have been from a shotgun, and information reached this city last night that the negro captured and held on suspicion wore a coat which had a number of shot holes in it.

So far as known here, no motive for the killing has been discovered. Whether the murderer was engaged in robbing the train, or whether, as stated in the Danville dispatch, he was shot from ambush and evidently with premeditation are matters not yet positively known. Feeling is high among the railway employees.

MEXICO WANTS BETTER TRADE WITH CANADA

(By Associated Press.)

MEXICO CITY, July 15.—The Canadian Commercial Club has been formed here, for the purpose of encouraging trade with Canada.

CLASH OF ARMS ON LAND AND SEA; RECORD OF CARNAGE IN FAR EAST



Russians Stubbornly Retire From Post to Post, Combating Every Step in the Advance of the Japanese Armies on Ta Tche Kiao.

NOTHING IS SETTLED YET

This Is All Sheehan Will Say After an Hour's Conference With the Judge.

THE NATIONAL CHAIRMANSHIP

Belmont, Taggart, Sheehan and Gorman Mentioned—Daniel's Telegram to Parker.

(By Associated Press.)

ESOPUS, N. Y., July 15.—William F. Sheehan arrived here to-day from New York, and had an hour's conference with Judge Parker this afternoon. He declined to talk for publication.

"Did you go to New York to harmonize the existing differences there?" he was asked.

"I know of no existing differences needing to be harmonized," he answered. "What can you say regarding the chairmanship of the National Committee, especially with reference to the reported possibility of its going to August Belmont?"

"Nothing," that matter is still open. On the question as to the national chairmanship, Judge Parker has given much thought. At present four men are mentioned: Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Belmont, Senator Gorman and Mr. Taggart. No one is closer to Judge Parker than Mr. Sheehan; none evidently will be more influential in the campaign than he; but he makes no secret of the fact that he does not want to be national chairman."

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Capitulation of Port Arthur Predicted, But Reports Herald Russian Victories.

JAPANESE LOSE 25,000 MEN: OVER 5,000 SLAVS KILLED

BY PAUL LAMBETH.
(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch. Copyrighted, 1904.)

LONDON, July 15.—Reports come of heavy fighting in Manchuria and the belief is expressed in some quarters that the long-expected battle, which is to settle Kuropatkin's fate, has begun. These and similar reports, however, have come so frequently only to prove without foundation that this last one is taken with reserve until better verification is received.

Looks for Capitulation of Port Arthur.

The best opinion here is that there has been nothing more than the usual skirmishing between Cossack scouting parties and Japanese advanced outposts. The Japanese commanders have demonstrated throughout the war that they possess the prime military virtue of patience in a high degree. They cannot be induced to act until their plans are thoroughly completed and to this is due, in the opinion of experts, the uniform success with which they have met so far.

The Russian occupancy in Manchuria is now practically confined to the railroad between Ta Tche Kiao and Harbin and to the two ports of Vladivostok and Port Arthur. Port Arthur is practically out of the equation and it is believed must capitulate within a very few days.

News from Tokio indicates that the investment of Vladivostok will begin immediately after Port Arthur is taken. The Russian main force is now being pushed north by Oku's army, while its rear and left flank is being threatened by Kuroki and the Takushan armies.

Fourth Army Threatens Right Flank.

News now comes that a fourth army is moving north to the west of the Russian position, threatening the right flank. As near as can

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NEW DEAL IS ALLEGED

Much Talk Around the City Hall of Street Committee Slates.

TWO ARE MUCH DISCUSSED

Old Leaders Said to Have Been Put Back and Only One Present Member Left.

Wm. H. Curtis, Morgan R. Mills, Gilbert K. Pollock, James E. Cannon, W. W. Morton, Herman W. Stein, John F. Don Leavy—Slate No. 1.

John R. Grimes, Morgan R. Mills, Gilbert K. Pollock, W. W. Morton, Henry F. Grimmel, Cliff Well, Charles W. Spicer—Slate No. 2.

Speculation is rife around the City Hall at this time concerning the probable appointments of the new president of the Common Council—unquestionably Mr. R. Lee Peters—on the Committee on Streets, which is perhaps the most important subdivision of the body, and knowing ones are naming one or the other of the two slates printed above.

While Mr. Peters has persistently declined to discuss the matter for publication, it is pretty certain that he has given a good deal of consideration to the make up of the Street Committee, and for some days the names of Messrs. Pollock, Mills and others, who are on both slates, have been freely discussed, so there is thought to be much foundation for the widespread belief that the names printed above are not far wide of the mark.

Two From Each Ward.

The Street Committee is composed of fourteen members, two of whom come from each ward, one being from the lower and the other from the upper branch.

Those whose names appear above are all from the Common Council, and no attempt is being made in any quarter, so far as is known, to forecast who the seven from the Board will be, as President Curran always "keeps his hand closed" until it is time to "make a show down."

Some of those in the above lists, notably Messrs. Pollock and Mills, were on what is known in municipal circles as the "old Street Committee," this term being used to designate the one which preceded the famous "shake up" of President Bloomer, when he assumed the gavel some years ago.

Three New Ones.

Of those whose names appear on the two slates, there's only three new men in the sense that they have never served in the Council before, and they are Messrs. Grimmel, Well and Cannon. It is considered remarkable, however, that out of all those in both lists, only Mr. Spicer, whose name is on slate No. 2, is a member of the Street Committee as it is at present constituted. Messrs. Curtis, Pollock, Mills and Grimes have been in the Council for many years, while Mr. Don Leavy served a term prior to the present one. He was defeated for re-election two years ago, and chosen again at the last election. Messrs. Morton, Stein and Spicer are in the present Council and are serving their first terms.

PROPERTY LOST; ONE MAN KILLED

A Disastrous Fire in Loss Does \$400,000 Damage.

(By Associated Press.)

DULUTH, MINN., July 15.—Four hundred thousand dollars' worth of property was destroyed this afternoon at the docks and warehouses of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad Company, and one man, a cook named George Smith, on the tug Abbott, was drowned in an attempt to make his escape from the craft as the flames swept over it. The fire started in the northeast corner of the building. In three minutes after the flames were discovered almost the entire length of the sheds was a fiery furnace. It was the most disastrous fire witnessed in Duluth in years, and the most spectacularly beautiful. George A. Smith, general agent, places the value of the contents of the freight shed at \$200,000 or more, and the value of the shed itself at \$50,000. Two hundred tons of package freight had been taken from the steamer Muncy just previous to the fire, which is not included in the estimate. Manager Inman, of the tug company, values the tug, which he thinks will be an almost total loss, at \$20,000 for the hull, \$15,000 for the machinery, and \$10,000 for the Abbott. In addition to this was the damage to ten northwestern freight cars, amounting to \$50,000. All the property was insured.

WAS REFRESHED BY HIS LABORS

Senator Daniel Says He Has Not Been Sick One Minute.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—"I have not been sick one minute, but have been refreshed by my work," is the language of a telegram from Senator Daniel to John W. Daniel, a friend in this city. Senator Daniel wired from his home in Lynchburg. The telegram was in response to one congratulating him on the fact that he was able to return home after taking a day's rest. Senator Daniel is also receiving the credit, and justly, of having accomplished much in calming the convention after the receipt of the telegram from Judge Parker, in which he expressed upon the convention that he stood for the gold standard. It is well known that there were not over a hundred delegates in the convention, probably, who did not want to resign the nomination of Judge Parker, and nominate somebody else. Because it was thought the man from Esopus was trying

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BISHOP WILSON WAS SERIOUSLY ILL

Forced to Suspend His Sermon, But Later Became Much Better.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SOUTH BOSTON, VA., July 15.—Bishop A. W. Wilson, who was considerably indisposed yesterday afternoon, became very ill last night before he finished the first half of his sermon at the Methodist Church, and was taken to the home of Hon. R. R. Noblin, whose guest he has been during the session of the district conference. The Bishop suffered greatly during the night, but was well enough to start home via Danville this morning. The malady from which he is suffering is thought to be acute indigestion, and no serious results are expected therefrom. Rev. Joseph H. Ames, the presiding elder, concluded the service began by the Bishop, ably discharging the line of thought suggested by the Bishop's unfinished discourse.

Nearly all the delegates and visitors left for their homes to-day, and all are agreed the conference was a complete success from every point of view. The Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Halifax will meet here some time to-day, and to-night a mass meeting or rally of the temperance forces will take place at the Baptist Church, and addresses will be made by Rev. W. H. Atwill, D. D., of Danville, and others.

12 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 12 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 10 are as follows:

3 Domestic, 6 Salesman, 1 Office Help, 2 Miscellaneous

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.